University, approval of the Delhi Urban Arts Commission is being obtained whereafter the tenders would be invited. The construction of the two hostels is expected to be completed within a period of three years from the date of flnalisation of tenders.

(e) According to the Memorandum of Understanding agreed upon by the University and the North Eastern Council, 70% of the total seats created in these two hostels will be allocated for the students of North Eastern States taking admission to post-graduate courses in the University. However, in order to avoid segregation these seats will be distributed in other hostels of the University also.

Engineering CoHeges In Bihar, West Bengal and Orissa

3459 SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased tp state:

(a) the total number of engineering colleges existing in Bihar, West Bengal and Orissa and how many new engineering colleges have been sanctioned in these States in the year 1997-98;

(b) whether there is any competent authorfty existing at the State level to monitor the facilities and performance of the institutions;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSffl): (a) The number of Engineering Colleges in the State of Bihar, West Bengal and Orissa and also those sanctioned in 1997-98 are as under:

Name of the State	No. of existing Engineering Colleges	No. of Engineering Colleges sanctioned in 1997-98
Bihar Bengal	12	Nil
West	14	Nil
Oriss a	18	8

(b) to (d) The following Regional Ccmmittees of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) are concerned with monitoring of the performance of the Engineering Colleges in these States:

Name of the Regional Committee	Name of the State
Northern Regional Committee, Kanpur.	Bihar
Eastern Regional Committee, Calcutta.	West Bengal
Central Regional Committee, Bhopal.	Orissa

Refusal to issue certificate to minority Educational Institutions

3460. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that State Governments are refusing to issue certificates to the minority educational institutions, even after the institutions' fu.filling the conditions, as per the guidelines of Central Government; and

(b) whether the Supreme Court has issued stay order for issue of such certificates; if not, whvtlier Government will issue instructions to issue certificates to minority institutions if they satisfy the conditions?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The Dolicy norms and principles for